

FUN PLACES to GO with KIDS

A. YOKOSUKA



1. MIKASA PARK (三笠公園)

This park is only ten minutes away from the main gate of Yokosuka base.

There is the Mikasa flag ship museum and a series of manmade streams and waterfalls that run through the park.

2. MONKEY ISLAND [SARUSHIMA (猿島)]

Monkey Island has been reopened by the city of Yokosuka as wildlife preserve. Ferries leave Mikasa Park regularly from 0830. The last ferry returns at 1700. There are hiking trails and picnic areas as well as great vistas of Tokyo Bay and Yokosuka. No trash is to be left on the island. Ferryboat is ¥1200 for adults and ¥600 for children.

3. UMIKAZE PARK (うみかぜ公園)

This park is located not too far from the Yokosuka base, along side Yokosuka Kaigan-dori Ave., which is a wide-open road. They have many activities for children and adults to relax and have fun. There is a playground with a wooden pirate ship, which you can run, jump, and slide on. In addition to enjoying the scenery of Tokyo Bay, you can fish and look at a shell fountain.

4. KANNONZAKI PARK (観音崎公園)

Kannonzaki Light House was built in 1869 but its duties have been taken over by Uraga Traffic Control Center also located in the park. This radar-studded concrete tower, visible from base, guides the 1,000 ships traveling past Kannonzaki every day. Many hiking paths nestled in the scenic hills, ships steaming past in Tokyo bay and a nature museum dedicated to those who make their living from the sea are a few of the many interesting points located within the area.

How to get there:

- **By bus:** Go out the main gate, turn right and go to bus stop #1 located only a few yards away from the main gate. Catch bus #24 and ride to the end of the route (about 30-45 minutes) in the midst of the park and start exploring. To return, get on bus #24 or any bus going to Yokosuka Chuo (横須賀中央) or JR Yokosuka (JR 横須賀) Stations. Adults: ¥430, children: ¥220 (children 6-11 years old).
- **By Car:** From Womble gate, go straight to the 7-Eleven corner, then turn left onto Rt. 16. Stay in the left lane and turn left (branching off from Rt. 16) at the 2nd stoplight toward UMIKAZE-KEON and HEISEI. Go straight past HOMES, LIVIN and AVE stores then get ready to make a left turn at the T-junction ahead. This will make you go back into Rt. 16. After driving past PC Depot, continue straight on Rt. 16 toward KANNONZAKI, driving along the coastal road of Yokosuka Kaigan-dori. After driving past a hotel SPASSO to the left and Yokosuka Museum of Art to the right, KANNONZAKI beach area is just about 1-2 kilometers ahead.
Parking fees for CARS: On weekends and Japanese holidays (September— June) ¥520/day; Daily (July and August), ¥840/day. Parking fee for MOTORBIKES is only ¥100 all year.

5. KURIHAMA FLOWER WORLD/ADVENTURE LAND (久里浜花の国)

The large park will be covered with poppies in May and cosmos in September. There is Adventure Land for children and an herb garden for those who have a green thumb or enjoy cooking.

6. YOKOSUKA CHILDREN'S BICYCLE PARK (根岸交通公園)

This park is set up to resemble city streets where children can ride bicycles with no cars allowed and has city streets with working traffic signals, street signs, and even a flashing train crossing. It is a great place for children to ride bicycles without fear of automobiles and gives them a chance to practice their riding skills.

All riders must ride a bike provided by the park, so don't plan on bringing your own bicycle. The park maintains a fleet of bicycles of all sizes from very small 12 inch wheel bikes with training wheels to adult sized bicycles. Additionally there are three wheeled pedal scooters children can ride if they prefer something more car like. The pace of the park is slow and will appeal to elementary aged school children and younger. There are plenty of shady areas for parents to sit and read while the children play.

Helmets are not provided by the park, so please bring your own (helmets are not required by the park and most Japanese children do not wear them, but they are highly recommended). Train travel is the best way to get to the park as there is no parking at the park and parking in this area is very limited. Admission is free, open 0930~1630 closed on Mondays. You must wear tennis shoes, no crocs, sandals or flip-flops are allowed.

B. MIURA



7. ABURATSUBO MARINE PARK (油壺マリンパーク)

A beautiful landscaped park, Aburatsubo is perched above the ocean on a rocky tip at the foot of Miura Peninsula. Its main attraction is the aquarium situated off to the left as one enters the park. In the aquarium are fish of every shape and form including a giant eel, a fish mathematician, tropical observation platform, souvenir shops, and a game center. The park is open daily from 0900-1700 and is closed the last three (3) days of the year. Adults ¥1700, children (6-11 yrs) ¥850, and children (4-5 yrs) are ¥450.

8. JOGASHIMA ISLAND (城ヶ島公園)

Jogashima Island is a tiny island off the tip of the Miura Peninsula. A toll bridge runs from the mainland to the island. A small fishing village and sandy beaches are on the western end and a lovely park is on the eastern end.

9. STRAWBERRY PICKING (津久井浜観光イチゴ園)

The Tsukuihama sightseeing plantation is located at the foot of Takeyama (altitude of 202m). This area is also famous for its azalea, which can be viewed while walking from Tsukuihama station to the plantation. Since the Miura Peninsula climate is warmer than in any other areas in the Kanto Region, one can enjoy a variety of food crops throughout the year — strawberry picking and sweet potato digging in spring, and mandarin orange picking in autumn.

C. ENOSHIMA

10. ENOSHIMA ISLAND (江ノ島)

Enoshima Island is a picturesque little island. It has an assortment of Souvenir shops and restaurants. On the top part of the island, which is reached by an outdoor escalator, there is a complex of 3 major buildings comprising Enoshima Jinja (Shrine). There is also a Tropical Garden and an observation tower affording a panoramic view of the coastline and Mt. Fuji.

How to get there by public transportation:

- **By JR Train:** Turn right after going through the main gate. Stay on the right side of the road. The road curves to the right, you will pass through a park, you will come to the city bus terminal and JR Yokosuka train station. Take the train 4 stops to Kamakura, when you exit the train, go down the stairs and go through the west exit then transfer to the Enoden Line, get off at the Enoshima Station.
- **Or by the JR line and monorail:** Follow the above directions but stay on the train until you reach Ofuna. 6 stops, then transfer to the Shonan Monorail and go to Shonan-Enoshima Station.
- **Driving:** Exit the main gate and turn right onto Rt. 16. Then turn left at Daiei Shoppers Plaza onto Rt. 27. Take Rt. 27 past Shiori Station, through the city of Hayama until it ends into Rt. 134. Turn right onto Rt. 134, travel about 2 km to Nagae crossroad and bear to the left (remaining on Rt. 134) to get on beach drive. Continue to drive on Rt. 134 following the coastline through Kamakura. Turn left toward the bridge leading to Enoshima Island. Several parking lots are available on the island with fees ranging from ¥300 ~ ¥500 per hour. The gate for the bridge closes at 10 PM.

11. ENOSHIMA-JINJA SHRINE (江ノ島神社)

Up the narrow street lined with shops and restaurants, there is a large red “torii” that marks the beginning of the Shrine complex. Hetsuno-miya shrine, the central shrine, was built in 1206, the other two are Nakatsuno-miya and Okutsuno-miya. On the left side of Hetsuno-miya is an octagonal structure housing a statue of nude goddess (Hadaka-Benzai-Ten). Open daily 0900-1630 Admission: Adults ¥150, Junior & Senior high school students ¥100, Elementary students ¥50.

12. ENOSHIMA AQUARIUM (新江ノ島水族館)

- **To get there:** Take the JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Station and transfer to the Enoden Line. You can buy transfer ticket to Enoshima Station on ENOSHIMA DENTETSU LINE (ENODEN). Get off at Enoshima Station and walk about 10- minute toward to ocean. Dolphins, whales and other aquatic creatures perform stunts and routines, an aquarium (Suizokukan) that contains 400 kinds of fish from all over the world and where sea lions, penguins and such from aquatic environments are exhibited.
Open: 9:00AM – 5:00PM Admission: Adults ¥2000, Elementary ¥1000, Younger ¥600 (over 3 yrs old)

13. ENOSHIMA IWAYA CAVE (江ノ島岩屋洞窟)

This sea cave has two main caverns, the first one 152 meters in length and the second, 112 meters. It is said to be the place from which the belief in the goddess Benten originated. Inside the cave there is a mysterious sound and light production. The cave is also filled with the progression of Enoshima’s history and culture, as represented in the displays of Ukiyo paintings and artifacts based on the dragon-god legend.

30 min. walk. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (6 p.m. in summer) Admission: ¥500 Children ¥200.

D. YOKOHAMA

14. YAMASHITA PARK (山下公園)

The oldest harbor park in the country. A popular place with a typical harbor scene. On the ginkgo tree-lined park street are many modern hotels and restaurants.

15. HIKAWA-MARU (氷川丸)

A former passenger liner now permanently docked at Yamashita-Koen Park harbor. For 30 years, stopping in 1980, the Hikawa-Marui operated as a trans-pacific ship. The ship can be boarded and in the summer it becomes a floating beer garden. Open daily between 0930 - 2100 during the summer season from end of July to end of August and between 0930 - 1900 the rest of the year. Admission: Adults ¥800, Elementary and Junior High students ¥400, Younger ¥300 (over 3 yrs old).

16. YOKOHAMA HARBOR EXCURSION BOAT (Yokohama-Ko Kanko-Sen)

Located next to the Hikawa-Marui is the pier for the harbor cruise called "The Marine Shuttle" which is open between 1030 - 1830 and offers three different courses:

90-minute course: Adults ¥2000; Child ¥1000
60-minute course: Adults ¥1200; Child ¥600
40-minute course: Adults ¥500; Child ¥25

From the pier the "Sea Bass" goes to Yokohama Station. (East exit, Sogo Department Store) takes 15 minutes. The "Sea Bass" runs between 1000 and 1900 and departs every 15 minutes. Fare: Adults ¥500, Children ¥250.

17. MARINE TOWER (マリンタワー)

The tower is 106 meters high and is located along Yamashita-Koen Park Street. There is an observation platform at the top from which Chinatown, the harbor and much of Yokohama can be seen. Near the base is an aviary "Bird-pia" and Yokohama Marine Science Museum (Kaiyo-Kagaku-Hakubutsukan). Marine Tower: Open daily 1000 - 2100 (end of July and end of August), 1000 - 1800 (December - February) 1000 - 1900 (in other seasons). Admission for Tower Elevator: Adults ¥700, Elementary and Junior High ¥350, Kindergarten ¥250.

18. SEA PARADISE (八景島シーパラダイス)

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19. KANAZAWA ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN (金沢動物公園)

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20. NOGEYAMA ZOO (野毛山動物園)

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21. YOKOHAMA SCIENCE CENTER (横浜こども科学館)

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22. CHILDREN'S LAND (こどもの国)

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E. TOKYO AND OTHER AREA

23. TOKYO TOWER (東京タワー)

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24. UENO PARK AND ZOO (上野動物園)

See FFSC web site

25. SHINAGAWA AQUARIUM (品川水族館)

Direction is available at FFSC

26. TOSHIMAEN AMUSEMENT PARK (としま園)

Direction is available at FFSC

27. EDO-TOKYO MUSEUM (江戸博物館)

Direction is available at FFSC

28. HEIWANO-MORI PARK (平和の森公園)

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29. MOTHER FARM (マザー牧場)

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30. NOKOGIRIYAMA (鋸山) STONE BUDDHA

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